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June 11, 1969

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Dear Mr. President:

The Department has received a communication from the Embassy of the Dominican Republic at Washington inquiring on behalf of its Government whether the appointment of Dr. Mario Read Vittini is acceptable as Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United States.

I believe Dr. Read's appointment would be satisfactory. If you concur, I shall be pleased to inform the Government of the Dominican Republic. A biography of Dr. Read is enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

William P. Rogers
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Enclosure:

Biography.

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The President,

The White House.

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BIOGRAPHY - MARIO READ VITTINI

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Dr. Mario Read Vittini was a Professor of Political Science at the Petdo Henriquez Urena University in Santo Domingo at the time of his designation as Ambassador to the United States in May 1969. High positions held by him in the past include Secretary of State for the Presidency (in the Triumvirate Government following the Bosch overthrow in 1963), Member of the Dominican delegations to the 21st and 23rd UN General Assemblies, and Member (with rank of Ambassador) of Dominican delegation to the Third Extraordinary Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Americas at Buenos Aires.

Dr. Read was born in San Cristobal, Dominican Republic on May 15, 1926, and was educated in Dominican schools. Following graduation from the University of Santo Domingo law school, he filled a variety of political and educational positions. At the age of 24, he was named Vice President of the Dominican Party which had been controlled by the dictator Rafael Leonidas Trujillo until his assassination in May 1961. Dr. Read founded the Christian Democratic Party in late 1962 (estimated membership - 27,000 in 1967) but was a candidate for Vice President of the country on the Dominican National Revolutionary ticket in the elections that year. He supported President Balaguer's successful candidacy in the 1966 elections.

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His ability as an articulate and persuasive speaker makes a good initial impression. He has been accessible to U. S. officials and privately friendly toward them, but has avoided giving a public impression of pro-U. S. attitudes. Various descriptions of Dr. READ include "brilliant," "unscrupulous, impatiently ambitious," "...one of the most adroit and intelligent politicians of the right," etc. Although Dr. READ understands English to a certain extent, he does not speak the language. During a period of exile in 1960-61, a large part of his time was spent traveling in the United States, Brazil and Venezuela.

He is married.

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ARA/CAR - Mr. Long

ARA - Mr. Crimmins

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ANALYSIS BRANCH

May 22, 1969

Mr. Secretary of State:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Dominican Republic proposes to appoint Dr. Mario Read Vittini Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the Government of the United States of America and, consequently, takes the liberty of requesting the agrément of the United States Government.

Dr. Read Vittini is a distinguished attorney and university professor, and he has represented the Dominican Republic on various occasions at international conferences.

A brief biographical sketch of Dr. Read Vittini is enclosed.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

Héctor García-Godoy

Ambassador

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His Excellency
William P. Rogers,
Secretary of State of the
United States of America,
Washington, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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June 6, 1969

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MEMORANDUM TO: The Secretary
THROUGH: S/S *JPW*
FROM: S/CPR - Clement E. Conger, Acting *CEL*
SUBJECT: Request for appointment of Dr. Mario Read
Vittini as Ambassador of the Dominican
Republic to the United States.
ACTION MEMORANDUM

DISCUSSION:

The Department has received a communication from the Embassy of the Dominican Republic at Washington requesting approval of Dr. Mario Read Vittini as the new Ambassador of the country at Washington (Tab B).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached letter to the President (Tab A), enclosing a biography of Dr. Read, in which you indicate your opinion that Dr. Read's appointment as the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the United States would be satisfactory. Information available to the Department reveals nothing to deter this action.

CONCURRENCES:

ARA - Mr. Crimmins *JC*

ARA/CAR - Mr. Long *ML*

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter for signature (Tab A).
2. Communication from the Embassy of the Dominican Republic, May 22, 1969 (Tab B).

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The President concurs with your opinion and has requested that you inform the Government of the Dominican Republic that the appointment of Dr. Mario Read Vittini as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Dominican Republic would be agreeable to the Government of the United States.


Henry A. Kissinger

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